

USE CANDLES WITH CARE,



WHEN YOU GO OUT, BLOW OUT!

- **A candle is an open flame.**
- **It can easily ignite any combustible.**
- **In 2002, an estimated 18,000 home fires started by candles.**
- **Resulting in an estimated 130 deaths, 1,350 injuries and direct property loss of \$333 million.**
- **Reported home candle fires have more than tripled since the low of 5,500 in 1990.**





➤ **December has almost twice the number of home candle fires of an average month.**

➤ **Christmas Day was the peak day of the year for home candle fires in 1999-2002.**

➤ **New Year's Day and Christmas Eve tied for second.**



50% of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle.

18% occurred after candles were left unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled.

5% were started by people (usually children) playing with the candle.

Falling asleep was a factor in 12% of home candle fires and 25% of the home candle fire deaths.





SAFETY TIPS



Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.

Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books & curtains.

Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.

Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.



SAFETY TIPS



Extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder.

Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.

During power outages, avoid carrying a lit candle. Use flashlights.